

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1153
By Baird

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize A. J. Bennett, 2004
Valedictorian of Union County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, A. J. Bennett is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class at Union County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, A. J. has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Bennett has earned an exemplary grade point average; he is a member of the Beta Club, the National Honor Society, a 1st Honors Academic, a National Scholar and Editor of the Yearbook; and

WHEREAS, A. J. is a leader among his peers, serving as Student Council President and Senior Class President; he is a member of DECA, FPA and the Drama Club, volunteers at the Youth Basketball League and tutors elementary students; and

WHEREAS, possessing great athletic skills, Mr. Bennett is Captain of the school's football and basketball teams and is a member of the baseball team; he is a four time All-District All-Academic Basketball honoree, a 2004 All-District Tournament Basketball honoree, a three time 1st team All-Region Football team designee, the 2004 Player of the Year for the Appalachian Athletic Conference in Football, an AP All-State Football Team designee, and an East Tennessee Football Chapter Student Athlete of the Year finalist; and

WHEREAS, A. J.'s display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Judy and Tony Bennett, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, A. J. Bennett's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Union County High School Valedictorian, A. J. Bennett, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.